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Nprimis, you ſhall truly preſent without reſpect of perſons, all ſuch as haue any time within theſe Twelue yeares laſt, prophaned the Sundayes in going out to take Fiſh by themſelues or their ſeruants.

2 Item, you ſhall preſent all Pirates, Robbers, Murderers, Felons and theeues, that haue committed any Piracy, Robbery, Murder or Felony vpon the high Seas, or within any Freſh-water, Haven, River or creeke from all Bridges next vnto the Sea within full Sea marke, or on the Sea ſands within the Juriſdiction of the Admiralty in the County of Suſſex, againſt any of the Kings Majeſties Subjects or any other his friends or Allies, and of their Receiuers, Counſellers, Ayders or Abetters, procurers, comforters or maintainers, either by words, victuals, Ships, Boates, Artillery, Weapon, Gunne, powder, or any other thing, and the Receiuers of their ſpoyles and buyers of Pirates goods.

3 Item, yee ſhall inquire and true preſentment make, of all petty Pickers, petty Felons, and priuate Theeues, that breaketh any coffers, fardels, packes, Dry-fats, cheſts or other like, vpon board any Ship or other veſſell, or that ſtealeth Oares, Anchors, apparell, tackle of any Ship or Boate, or any Fiſhermens nets, hookes, pots, Fiſh or other things.

4 Item, yee ſhall inquire and true preſentment make, of all thoſe that haue taken any Ships, veſſels, goods, or Priſoners vpon the Sea, or elſe-where, for any matter done vpon the Sea, or any other River, freſh-water, or creeke within the Kings Majeſties juriſdiction of his Highneſſe ſaid Admiralty in the County of Suſſex, and haue not preſented the ſame in this Court accordingly.

5 Item, ye shall truly inquire and true presentment make of the slaughter of men, done and made by any Ship, vessell, or boate, or any apparell of them. And of all dead bodies found that haue come to their deaths vpon the Sea, or in any other Haven, Riuer, Freshwater, or Creeke, within the Iurisdiction of the Admiralty aforesaid, which haue not beene presented in this Court (as it apperteyneth) or that haue had any Gold, Siluer, Iewels, or other things found vpon them, and the like presentment hath not beene made thereof.

6 Item, ye shall inquire, and true presentment make of all Riots, vnlawfull assemblyes, contempts, Concealments, routs, trespasses, frayes, out-cryes, blood-sheds, maymes, quarrels, menacings, or threatnings, Weapons-drawing, or any other act, crime, or trespasse, done and committed against the Kings peace, and Lawes of this Realme, vpon the Sea, or vpon any other Haven, Port, place, Riuer, Fresh-water or Creeke, within full Sea marke, or on the Seasands, or else where from the first Bridge next vnto the Sea within the Iurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the county of Sussex in any Ship, vessell, or Boate, or vpon the Sea sands within the foresaid Iurisdiction, and true presentment make of the offenders, their names and dwelling places.

7 Item, ye shall inquire and true presentment make of all them that haue laden or doe vse to lade any goods or merchandize, either vpon the high Sea, or in any Hauen, Freshwater, Riuer or Creeke, within the Iurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the county of Sussex in or vpon any strange Bottome, either within this Realme or without, where they might haue had English Ships to serue them, according to the Lawes of the Realme.

8 Item, ye shall inquire and true presentment make of all them that haue shipped, or laden any Ship, Vessell, or Boate, lying vpon the high Sea, or in any other Hauen, Fresh-water, Riuer, or Creeke, from the first Bridge next vnto the Sea, within the Iurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the county of Sussex, with Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oates, Mault or any other Grayne, and haue transported the same beyond the Seas contrary to the Lawes of this Realme. And ye shall truely declare the names of the Merchants, owners and masters of such Corne and Ships with the names of the same Ships.

9 Item, ye shall truely present, all them that haue laden, shipped, deliuered, carryed, sold, or conueyed any Wheat, Rye, Barley, Beanes, Mault, or any other Corne, Tallow, Leather, Brasse, Lead, Candles,

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Cheese, Butter, or other Victualls, in any Ship, Vessell, or Boate, out of the Realme into any other Realmes, from any Fresh-water, Riuer, Creeke, or place, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the foresaid county of Sussex, contrary to the Lawes and customes of this Realme, whereby his Majestie hath beene deceiued, and not paid his just customes and Subsidy, and the common wealth hurted.

10 Item, ye shall truly inquire, and true presentment make of all them that either by day or night, lade any Ships or Vessels in secret Creeks or places (being no common or open Port) or that doe helpe to conuey and leade strangers Ships into any such priuate Creeke or place, whereby the secret Landing places on the Seacoasts may bee knowne to strangers.

11 Item, ye shall present all Fishmongers and all other persons, that bee forestallers or regraters or keepers of Markets vpon the water or the shores within the Jurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the county of Sussex, whereby the common wealth and the Markets bee abused, (That is to say) all them that forestall, regrate and buy any manner of goods, merchandize, or Victualls vpon the water or shore as aforesaid, before it come to the place, or Port where it is to be discharged and sold.

12 Item, ye shall inquire and truly present all that cut or let slip any Boy, or Boyes-rope whereby any Anchor is lost, or cut any Cable, or any Tackling of Ship, Vessell, or Boat, in any Hauen, Riuer, or Port, from all Bridges next vnto the Sea within the Jurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the county of Sussex, whereby the Ship or Vessell driueth, or otherwise is in perill of hurt taking, or any man thereby in perill of life.

13 Item, ye shall inquire of all that send vnlawfull Anchors, Cable or Tacklings, in any Ship or other Vessell to the Sea, whereby the same might stand in danger to bee cast away, and the Marriners in perill of their liues,

14 Item, ye shall inquire and truly present all manner of vnlawfull Nets, or other Engines vsed by Fishermen, where with any manner or kind of Fish or fry of Fish is destroyed, to the hurt of the common wealth.

15 Item, ye shall inquire and truly present all those that haue dragged any Dysters or Muscles or put them to sayle at vnseasonable times (that is to say) At times prohibited by the Lawes and customes of the Admiraltie, all those that doe any hurt or annoyance to the Beds

and Brood of Dysters and Muscles; And also those that haue taken in seuered and ingrossed any Dyster plots or Beds for their priuate profit.

16 Item ye shall inquire and present all them that haue carryed any Gold or Siluer Bullion, or Plate in any Ship into any other Realme.

17 Item, ye shall inquire and present all them that haue found any Ship, Vessell, or Boat walking on the high Seas or in any Fresh water Riuer or Creeke, within the Iurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the county of Sussex, without Owner, and haue not presented the same to this Court.

18 Item, ye shall inquire and truely present all those that haue found vpon the Sea, or any other Riuer, Hauen, Freshwater or Creeke, or elsewhere by the Sea-side, within the Iurisdiction of the Admiralty in the county of Sussex, any Flotzon: as Tonne, Pipe, Dyle, Wine, Bale, Trusts, Masts, Sayles, Yards, Timber, or any other manner of thing whatsoeuer it were, and haue not presented the same and them that such things possesse.

19 Item, ye shall inquire and truely present all men that haue found in the bottome of the Sea, or in any other Hauen, Freshwater, Riuer, or Creeke, within the forsaid Iurisdiction any Lagon, as Anchors, Gunnes, Yron, Steele, Tynne, Lead, or other mettall or things, Gold or Siluer, and haue not iustly presented the same to this Court.

20 Item, ye shall inquire and duly present, all them that haue maintained vpon the high Streame of any Ports, Hauens, or Creeks, within the forsaid Iurisdicton, any Mills, Weares, Kidles, and stakes or other things, to the annoyance of the navy of this Realme, or hurt of any channell or Streame, or that casteth any Ballast or other things into the same.

21 Item, ye shall inquire of them that haue taken any Fish Royall, or other Fish accustomed to the Kings Maiestie and the Office of his high Admiraltie of England (That is to say) Whales, Ballens, Sturgeons, Grapes, Dolphin, Porpose or any Fish that is of great growth, or taken or reputed for a Fish Royall, and haue not presented (as it appertayneth accordingly.)

22 Item, ye shall diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such Mariners, Saylers, Fishermen, and all other Watermen which haue at any time before this absented and withdrawne themselues from any of his Maiesties Prests or at any other time from the seruice for the Realme to serue in his highnesse Navy, and haue become retayned seruants with any man for that time, or haue receiued

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preſt money, and ſo haue gone their wayes: name all ſuch perſons.

23 Item, yée ſhall preſent all idle Mariners, Saylers, Wherrimen, Tiltboat-men, Fiſhermen, and Bargemen, that vſe any loytering, playing at Dice and cards, and haunt Ale-houſes, and Tauernes with idle company, and doe not continually follow and giue themſelues to their Occupations, nor are content to ſerue in Couenant for any reaſonable wages: All ſuch you ſhall by name ſpecifie and declare.

24 Item, yée ſhall preſent all thoſe perſons that haue made any Frayes, or drawne any Blood in or vpon any ſhip, Veſſell, Barge, Boate, or elſe-where within full Sea marke, (within the foreſaid Juriſdiction of the Admiraltie) or in any wiſe breaketh the Kings peace, and be common pickers of Quarrels: Name all ſuch with their dwelling places?

25 Item yée ſhall preſent all thoſe perſons, which haue throwne any Dung, chaulke, rubbiſh, or noyſome thing into the Sea or any ſea paſſage, to the hurt of the ſame, within the foreſaid Juriſdiction? Name the offenders therein?

26 Item, yée ſhall preſent all thoſe, that haue caſt any Anchor into the Sea, or River without a Boy or marke vpon the ſame, whereby danger hath or might enſue to any Ship, Veſſell, Barge, Boate, or mans body?

27 Item yée ſhall preſent all Handicrafts men, and other perſons, that haue vſed and exerciſed this yeare paſt, or at any time before, any Nets, or other Engines to take Oyſters, or other Fiſh, and haue not béene Apprentice to the craft of Fiſhing?

28 Item ye ſhall preſent all thoſe that take any to ſeruice in the craft or ſcience of Fiſhing, but for terme of yéeres whereby they may haue their preſent knowledge and learning in the Water-craft and trade of Fiſhing.

29 Item ye ſhall preſent all thoſe that haue vexed, troubled, arreſted or impriſoned any Mariner, Seaman, Fiſhermen, or other perſons, for any contract, bargaine, treſpaſſe, hurt or other thing done vpon the Sea in any Hauen, Freſh water, Riuer or Creéke, within the Juriſdiction of the Kings Maieſties ſaid Court of the Admiraltie in the county of Suſſex, in any other court or place, in contempt of the Kings Juriſdiction of his Admiraltie aforeſaid. Enquire diligently for this and ſpecifie their names, ſirnames, and dwelling places?

30 Item, yée ſhall inquire diligently, and make true preſentment of all ſuch cuſtomes, orders, and vſages, as haue formerly béene obſerued

in the Township, Villages, and places, in which you now seuerally dwell, touching the taking of Cockles, and all those that haue broken any of the said customes or Orders within these Twelue yéeres last past.

31 Item, yée shall present all those that haue priuately sold at the waters side, or elsewhere, or carryed to Market in Bags, or that selleth abroad in the countreyes, any small brode or fry of Fish not marketable, or that haue taken any Fish before the accustomed time of taking thereof, to the great destruction of the increase of the Fish. Name the offenders in this point.

32 Item, yée shall diligently inquire and truely present, whether any Kidles, Stanks, Stakes, or Weares, haue bin or bée newly erected, builded, vsed, and occupyed in any Creeke, Port, Hauen, or other place vnto the same adioyning within the Kings Iurisdiction of the Admiraltie in the county of Sussex aforesaid, whereof let true presentment bée made, declaring in what places, and by whom the same were or are so builded, made or vsed, how many there bée in number: who be their owners, and what kind of young fry of Fish they doe commonly vse to destroy, and when the time is to begin to fish, and to leaue of by ancient custome.

33 Item, yée shall present the maish of the vnlawfull Nettes and other vnlawfull Engines, vsed and occupyed in the said Kidles and Weares.

34 Item, yée shall present all other ancient customes, Orders, and vsages vsed and frequented in fishing trade amongst the old Fishermen of the Townships, Villages, and places, in which you doe now seuerally dwell, as well of the times, and seasons accustomed to Fish, the names and Assizes of your Nets, as what kinde and sort of Fish are commonly taken by your labour from time to time.

35 Item, you shall inquire diligently and make true presentment of all such Fishermen, as haue taken, sold, or brought to Markets in the high Sea, or in any Hauen, Freshwater, Riuer, or Creeke within the Kings Iurisdiction of his Admiraltie, within the county of Sussex, below the lowest Bridges next to the Sea, any Bace, Mullets, Soales, Plaice, Flounders, Turbuts, or other Fish of a lesse assize, or scantling, then by your ancient customes, vsages, or the law is allowed.

36 Item, you shall present all Bodders that come to secret places on the Seacoast, and there regrate the Fish whereby the common Markets are defrauded.

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37 Item, you shall presēt all Fishermen that doe sell their Fish at such secret places of the Sea coasts, where no priuate Markets ought to bee.

38 Item, you shall presēt all Cable-hangers, That is to say, Taylers, Shoomakers, or Handicrafts-men, being not brought vp in Mariners Science, that doe goe, or send any of their Seruants to the Sea, whereby Mariners and Fishermen or their science should in any wise decay, or be hindered.

39 Item, you shall presēt all sea men, that doe send any young men, or Lads either to fishing or sayling in any vessell or boate, except there be a sufficient number of able men therein, to guide the same without perill of drowning, or casting away for lacke of gouernment.

40 Item, you shall presēt all nusances committed or done vpon the Sea shore, or vpon the shore of any Hauen or Creeke below high water markes, whereby the shore is any way impayred, or annoyed, or the liberty of the passage hindered.

41 Item, you shall presēt all other annoyances, Crimes, evill facts, disorders or hurts, which are in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull, as well to poore Fishermens and Sea-fayring mens liues, or to the common wealth or Nauy of this Realme.

42 Of these and all other offences, hurts and annoyances vsed committed or done in any respect vpon the Sea, or in any Riuer or Creeke belonging to the same within the Iurisdiction of his Maiesties Admiraltie in the county of Sussex, for the space of Twelue yeares last past, you are diligently to inquire and true presentment make, vpon the Oathes of euery of you, and the same to giue vp in writing vnder your hands.

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